

R E P O R T of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for
THE BOROUGH OF SHAFTESBURY,

For Year ending December 31st., 1909.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present to you my report for the year ending
December 31st. 1909.

The Area of the district Is 100 acres.

The Population according to the last census is 2215.

The number of inhabited houses is 445 with an average
number of inmates of 4.97.

BIRTHS. The total number of births in the Borough during the
year was 33, giving a birth rate of ^{14.84}~~14.9~~ per 1000.

There were born during the

1st. quarter	4 males and 2 females
2nd. quarter	3 ,, and 5 ,,
3rd. quarter	7 ,, and 8 ,,
4th. quarter	3 ,, and 1 ,,

The number of births during the preceding ten years were as
follows:-

1899	..	45	1904	..	35
1900	..	37	1905	..	34
1901	..	42	1906	..	31
1902	..	52	1907	..	61
1903	..	36	1908	..	37

DEATHS. The total number of deaths registered in the Borough
during the year was 28. Two of these occurred at the

Cottage Hospital and did not belong to the Borough. *Showing
a deathrate for the Borough 11.73.*

No less than 16 of the total number were persons over
the age of 65 years; eight deaths are registered of persons
between the ages of 25 and 65 years; two between the ages
of 5 and 15 years, and only one below the age of 5 years.

The Infantile mortality being Nil.

The principal causes of death have been:-

Heart Disease and Bronchitis, especially in old people.

Deaths registered during the different months of the year 1909 were as follows:-

January	5	April	5	July	1	October	0
February	1	May	1	August	1	November	3
March	5	June	1	September	2	December	3

Deaths registered during the preceding ten years were:-

1899	..	29	1901	..	41	1903	..	28	1905	..	26	1907	..	22
1900	..	31	1902	..	41	1904	..	27	1906	..	23	1908	..	28

ZYMOTIC DISEASE. The Borough and neighbourhood generally has suffered from a severe epidemic of Measles during the later months of the year, and it was necessary to close the Schools in consequence, but although the epidemic was of severe type only one death occurred directly attributable to the disease.

Other infectious diseases are remarkably absent.

Rats are well known to be carriers of infection from one household to another and by contaminating food during their lifetime, and poisoning water and air after they are dead, are causes of disease. Efforts have been made during the year to rid the Borough of these pests with I think, encouraging results but as the stock is being constantly replenished, I recommend that our efforts be continued on a larger scale.

The Liverpool Virus appears, from the reports which I have received, to be effective and has the very great advantage of being non-injurious to human and other animals.

THE WATER SUPPLY has been constant and the quality of the water is excellent. It is obtained from a spring ^{and} stored in a reservoir above the Borough, on Little Down.

THE DRAINAGE has been satisfactory throughout the year. It is on the irrigation system and is carried to a farm about half-a-mile from and below the town.

The principal object of this paper is:-

to show that the disease is not only in old people.

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March 6	June 1	September 6	December 6

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THE COMMON LODGING HOUSES have been ^{regularly} inspected and found in a satisfactory condition.

THE BAKEHOUSES, SLAUGHTERHOUSES, and WORKSHOPS have been regularly visited and inspected and found satisfactory.

THE HEALTH OF THE BOROUGH is now satisfactory and the epidemic of Measles appear to be over.

Your Obedient Servant
H. H. Mucke MMS LMS
M O H. Borough of Shaftesbury

February 2nd 1910.

